



International  
Writing Program

## Call for applications

**2018 Fall Residency with the International Writing Program**

**Deadline: March 28, 2018**

*Note: Open to citizens of Mauritius, Rodrigues and Seychelles only*

The Embassy of the United States of America to Mauritius and Seychelles is pleased to announce a call for applications for the 2018 International Writing Program (IWP) Fall Residency, which will be hosted by the University of Iowa, United States, from August 18 - November 6, 2018.

The IWP brings approximately 35 emerging and recognized writers from around the world to Iowa City for an intensive 12-week cultural exchange. This year, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs expects to fund up to 15 writers worldwide.

To date, Mauritius has three IWP alumni, all of whom were nominated by U.S. Embassy Mauritius: Barlen Pyamootoo, Farhad Khoyratty and Shenaz Patel.

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### IWP FALL RESIDENCY PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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IWP was founded in 1967. It is the most prestigious program of its kind in the United States. The University of Iowa is also home to the world-renowned Iowa Writers' Workshop, and in 2008 Iowa City was designated the first UNESCO City of Literature in the United States. Two IWP alumni – Orhan Pamuk of Turkey and Mo Yan of China – have received the Nobel Prize in Literature.

The Fall Residency is designed to spur creativity, support professional development, and promote freedom of expression. In addition to the Fall Residency, the IWP also hosts a range of in-person and distance learning opportunities. Additional details are available on the IWP website: <http://iwp.uiowa.edu/>.



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## NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

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- The IWP is open to established and emerging writers from any country working primarily in the genres of fiction, creative non-fiction, screenwriting, drama, and poetry.
- Except in extraordinary cases, candidates should have at least one published volume of work or have works appearing in significant publications over a period of at least two years.
- Nominees must be fluent in English, comfortable with cross-cultural dynamics, and eager to engage with other writers from diverse cultures.
- Nominees must be adults between the age of 21 and 65, non-U.S. citizens who are able to travel to the United States and stay for the full 12 weeks. Family members and others are not allowed to accompany the writers during the Fall Residency.
- Nominations need to include a literary-focused CV, a copy of the bio-page of the passport of the applicant, a representative writing sample in English (original or translated) and a one-page motivational letter. Please note that a standard sample will contain 10-15 pages of clearly formatted material.
- Each required document should be sent as a separate attachment.

All applications must be emailed to [portlouispas@gmail.com](mailto:portlouispas@gmail.com) by **latest March 28, 2018** with the subject line: **Application - 2018 Fall Residency with the International Writing Program.**

Any other relevant documents can be sent to the U.S. Embassy, Rogers House, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, John Kennedy Street, Port Louis.

Questions about the program can be emailed to [portlouispas@gmail.com](mailto:portlouispas@gmail.com) with subject line: **Query - 2018 Fall Residency with the International Writing Program.**

An internal panel will review all applications. U.S. Embassy Mauritius will submit up to three nominations for the 2018 competition. The IWP committee will make final decisions.



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